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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U								CPI-W								CPI-U							
	Unadjusted indexes				Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—				Seasonally adjusted percent change from—				Unadjusted indexes <sup>1</sup>				Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 2002 from—				Seasonally adjusted percent change from—			
	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2001	Jan. 2002	Jan. to Feb.
All items	177.8	1.1	0.4	0.3	173.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	173.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	177.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	173.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	177.5	0.9	0.3	0.3
All items (1982=100)	532.7	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-	517.5	-	-	-
Food and beverages	176.4	2.7	0.3	0.3	175.8	2.7	0.3	0.3	175.8	2.7	0.3	0.3	175.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	175.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	175.3	2.6	0.3	0.3
Food	175.9	2.7	0.3	0.3	175.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	175.3	2.5	0.3	0.3	175.1	2.5	0.3	0.3	175.1	2.5	0.3	0.3	175.1	2.5	0.3	0.3
Food at home	176.0	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	175.6	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	175.6	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	175.1	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	175.1	2.5	-0.1	-0.1	175.1	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Cereals and bakery products	197.6	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	197.5	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	197.5	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	197.0	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	197.0	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	197.0	3.0	-0.5	-0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	161.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	171.1	4.0	-0.1	-0.1	171.1	3.5	-0.1	-0.1	170.0	4.0	-0.2	-0.2	170.0	4.0	-0.2	-0.2	170.0	4.0	-0.2	-0.2
Dairy and related products	175.1	4.0	-0.1	-0.1	175.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1	175.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1	174.6	3.5	-0.1	-0.1	174.6	3.5	-0.1	-0.1	174.6	3.5	-0.1	-0.1
Fruits and vegetables	223.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	223.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	223.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	223.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	223.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	223.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.1
Miscellaneous beverages and beverage materials	140.0	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	140.0	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	140.0	1.1	-0.4	-0.4	139.5	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	139.5	1.1	-0.5	-0.5	139.5	1.1	-0.5	-0.5
Other food at home	160.4	1.6	-0.6	-0.5	160.4	1.6	-0.6	-0.5	160.4	1.6	-0.6	-0.5	160.1	1.8	-0.6	-0.5	160.1	1.8	-0.6	-0.5	160.1	1.8	-0.6	-0.5
Sugar and sweets	158.5	1.7	-0.3	-0.3	158.5	1.7	-0.3	-0.3	158.5	1.7	-0.3	-0.3	158.5	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	158.5	1.9	-0.3	-0.3	158.5	1.9	-0.3	-0.3
Fats and oils	157.2	3.0	-0.7	-0.6	157.2	3.0	-0.7	-0.6	157.2	3.0	-0.7	-0.6	157.0	3.0	-0.7	-0.6	157.0	3.0	-0.7	-0.6	157.0	3.0	-0.7	-0.6
Other foods	178.3	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	178.3	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	178.3	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	178.0	1.6	-0.6	-0.6	178.0	1.6	-0.6	-0.6	178.0	1.6	-0.6	-0.6
Other miscellaneous foods	128.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	128.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	128.8	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	128.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	128.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	128.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Food away from home	177.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	177.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	177.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	176.9	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	176.9	3.0	-0.3	-0.3	176.9	3.0	-0.3	-0.3
Other food away from home	115.8	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	115.8	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	115.8	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	114.0	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	114.0	3.9	-0.3	-0.3	114.0	3.9	-0.3	-0.3
Alcoholic beverages	182.6	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	182.6	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	182.6	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	182.1	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	182.1	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	182.1	2.9	-0.4	-0.4
Housing	178.5	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	178.5	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	178.5	2.2	-0.5	-0.5	173.9	2.0	-0.5	-0.5	173.9	2.0	-0.5	-0.5	173.9	2.0	-0.5	-0.5
Shelter	204.1	4.3	-0.8	-0.8	204.1	4.3	-0.8	-0.8	204.1	4.3	-0.8	-0.8	199.8	4.7	-0.8	-0.8	199.8	4.7	-0.8	-0.8	199.8	4.7	-0.8	-0.8
Rent of primary residence	197.7	4.7	-0.4	-0.4	197.7	4.7	-0.4	-0.4	197.7	4.7	-0.4	-0.4	197.0	4.1	-0.4	-0.4	197.0	4.1	-0.4	-0.4	197.0	4.1	-0.4	-0.4
Lodging away from home	119.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	119.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	119.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	119.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	119.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	119.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	212.2	4.5	-0.3	-0.3	212.2	4.5	-0.3	-0.3	212.2	4.5	-0.3	-0.3	192.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	192.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	192.9	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
Tenants' equivalent household insurance	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4	104.8	3.5	-0.4	-0.4
Utilities and services	121.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	121.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	121.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	122.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	122.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	122.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Gasoline (all types)	123.3	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5	123.3	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5	123.3	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5	123.4	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5	123.4	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5	123.4	-2.3	-0.5	-0.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	130.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	130.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	130.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	129.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	129.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	129.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	128.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	128.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	128.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
Household furnishings and operations	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	128.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	124.9	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	124.9	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	124.9	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4
Apparel	123.5	-3.8	2.6	2.6	123.5	-3.8	2.6	2.6	123.5	-3.8	2.6	2.6	122.4	-3.6	2.3	2.3	122.4	-3.6	2.3	2.3	122.4	-3.6	2.3	2.3
Men's and boys' apparel	122.0	-3.8	1.0	1.0	122.0	-3.8	1.0	1.0	122.0	-3.7	1.0	1.0	122.2	-3.7	1.0	1.0	122.2	-3.7	1.0	1.0	122.2	-3.7	1.0	1.0
Women's and girls' apparel	115.3	-4.7	5.1	5.1	115.3	-4.7	5.1	5.1	115.3	-3.9	4.9	4.9	113.8	-3.9	4.9	4.9	113.8	-3.9	4.9	4.9	113.8	-3.9	4.9	4.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	127.2	-1.6	1.8	1.8	127.2	-1.6	1.8	1.8	127.2	-1.6	1.8	1.8	128.4	-2.0	1.8	1.8	128.4	-2.0	1.8	1.8	128.4	-2.0	1.8	1.8
Footwear	119.5	-2.5	2.0	2.0	119.5	-2.5	2.0	2.0	119.5	-2.5	2.0	2.0	119.3	-2.5	2.0	2.0	119.3	-2.5	2.0	2.0	119.3	-2.5	2.0	2.0
Transportation	148.4	-8.2	-0.5	-0.5	148.4	-8.2	-0.5	-0.5	148.4	-8.2	-0.5	-0.5	147.1	-8.8	-0.5	-0.5	147.1	-8.8	-0.5	-0.5	147.1	-8.8	-0.5	-0.5
Private transportation	148.1	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	148.1	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	148.1	-4.4	-0.2	-0.2	148.2	-4.9	-0.2	-0.2	148.2	-4.9	-0.2	-0.2	148.2	-4.9	-0.2	-0.2
New and used motor vehicles	100.1	-2.1	-0.9	-0.9	100.1	-2.1	-0.9	-0.9	100.1	-2.1	-0.9	-0.9	100.3	-2.4	-1.0	-1.0	100.3	-2.4	-1.0	-1.0	100.3	-2.4	-1.0	-1.0
New vehicles	141.2	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	141.2	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	141.2	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	142.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	142.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	142.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Used cars and trucks	153.9	-4.1	-0.3	-0.3	153.9	-4.1	-0.3	-0.3	153.9	-4.1	-0.3	-0.3	154.8	-4.3	-0.3	-0.3	154.8	-4.3	-0.3	-0.3	154.8	-4.3	-0.3	-0.3
Motor fuel	98.2	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	98.2	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	98.2	-22.9	-0.5	-0.5	99.5	-22.9	-0.5	-0.5	99.5	-22.9	-0.5	-0.5	99.5	-22.9	-0.5	-0.5
Gasoline (all types)	97.0	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	97.0	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	97.0	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	97.9	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	97.9	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5	97.9	-23.0	-0.5	-0.5
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.1	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	104.1	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	104.1	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	105.3	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	105.3	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	105.3	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	207.3	-2.3	-0.7	-0.7	207.3	-2.3	-0.7	-0.7	207.3	-2.3	-0.7	-0.7	202.5	-1.6	-0.7	-0.7	202.5	-1.6	-0.7	-0.7	202.5	-1.6	-0.7	-0.7
Medical care	281.0	4.5	-0.5	-0.5	281.0	4.5	-0.5	-0.5	281.0	4.5	-0.5	-0.5	279.8	4.6	-0.5	-0.5	279.8	4.6	-0.5	-0.5	279.8	4.6	-0.5	-0.5
Medical care commodities	253.7	4.1	-0.6	-0.6	253.7	4.1	-0.6	-0.6	253.7	4.1	-0.6	-0.6	248											

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index  
(1982=100.0, unless otherwise noted)

Area	All items							
	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Index	Percent change to Feb. 2002 from—						
Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2001	Jan. 2002	Feb. 2002	Feb. 2003	Dec. 2001
U.S. city average	176.7	177.1	177.8	1.3	172.9	173.2	173.7	0.8
Region and area size <sup>1</sup>								
Northeast urban	186.2	184.9	184.1	-1.8	181.0	181.4	182.3	1.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	185.4	184.2	187.8	3.2	181.1	181.4	182.8	1.9
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>2</sup>	119.3	119.5	118.5	-1.6	109.9	110.1	110.1	-1.6
Midwest urban	172.9	172.1	172.5	-1.2	167.4	167.7	168.1	-1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	172.8	174.1	174.7	1.5	168.7	168.8	169.4	-1.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>2</sup>	199.4	199.5	199.4	-1.2	199.2	199.2	199.2	-1.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	165.5	164.2	164.6	-1.2	163.3	163.9	164.3	-1.4
South urban	170.3	170.4	171.0	-1.5	168.1	168.3	168.6	-1.2
Size A - More than 1,500,000	171.7	171.7	172.4	1.2	169.0	169.0	169.5	1.0
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>2</sup>	168.9	169.2	169.3	-1.3	168.5	168.6	168.7	-1.3
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	167.4	168.4	168.6	-1.3	166.3	169.2	169.9	-1.6
West urban	181.4	182.4	180.2	2.2	176.8	177.4	178.3	2.0
Size A - More than 1,500,000	183.5	184.4	185.4	2.3	178.0	177.7	178.4	2.2
Size B/C 50,000 to 1,500,000 <sup>2</sup>	111.6	111.9	112.4	2.5	111.2	111.4	111.8	1.8
Size others								
A <sup>3</sup>	181.1	181.4	182.5	1.6	159.4	159.7	160.5	1.4
B/C <sup>4</sup>	109.7	109.9	110.1	-1.5	109.3	109.4	109.5	-1.5
B	149.8	170.5	170.7	-1.4	148.5	149.2	149.3	-1.1
Selected local areas <sup>5</sup>								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	177.9	177.9	178.7	-1.5	171.7	172.6	172.4	-1.3
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	177.1	178.9	180.1	2.7	149.7	173.5	172.8	2.7
New York Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	187.3	188.5	189.9	2.5	162.8	183.5	184.7	2.2
Boston-Brockton-Warwick, MA-RI-CT	-	190.9	-	-	-	191.8	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-	171.4	-	-	-	163.8	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	179.4	-	-	-	176.8	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-	119.9	-	-	-	116.8	-	-
Atlanta, GA	174.8	-	174.1	-1.5	172.0	-	173.2	-1.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	173.5	-	176.2	3.7	147.9	-	170.5	3.7
Houston-Galveston-Brownsville, TX	157.1	-	156.6	-1.3	155.2	-	154.9	-1.5
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	173.1	-	175.0	1.8	170.5	-	172.0	1.8
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	179.9	-	182.9	1.7	179.2	-	181.4	1.8
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	190.4	-	191.3	1.0	186.5	-	188.8	1.8
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	186.1	-	187.4	2.0	181.1	-	183.5	1.8

<sup>1</sup> Regions defined as the four Census regions.

<sup>2</sup> Indexes on a December 1990=100 base.

<sup>3</sup> Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

<sup>4</sup> In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 39 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-St. Paul, WI-MI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

<sup>5</sup> Indexes on a November 1994=100 base.

\* Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalation clauses.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

## BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. Two CPIs are published: 1) The CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which covers about 87 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of

other economic series, and an escalator for income payments.

**More detail.** This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical *CPI Detailed Report* for \$45 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service, 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

#### **CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis**

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U increased 0.2 percent in February, the same as in January. The energy index, which advanced 0.9 percent in January, declined 0.8 percent in February. The index for petroleum-based energy decreased 0.1 percent, and the index for energy services fell 1.3 percent. The food index rose 0.2 percent in February, reflecting another

large increase in the index for fruits and vegetables. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in February after increasing 0.2 percent in January. An upturn in the index for apparel, coupled with larger increases in the indexes for shelter and for tobacco and smoking products, accounted for the larger advance in February.

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTE: BLS Has Updated the Expenditure Weights Used in the CPI**

Effective with the release of data for January 2002, a new set of expenditure weights, using 1999-2000 Consumer Expenditure Survey data, replaced the 1993-95 weights formerly used in the CPI. In addition, BLS intends to update the expenditure weights used in the CPI every two years. For example, the index for January 2004 will use 2001-2002 expenditure weights, and so on. Historically, expenditure weights used in the CPI were updated approximately every ten years.



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